



Public Transit Advisory Council
September 15, 2022 1:00pm – 2:45pm
Barre City Place – RM 303

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Agenda

- 1:00pm Welcome and Introductions – Michele Boomhower, VTrans Director of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development, Membership updates
- Michele could not make the meeting
 - Ross did brief introductions
- 1:05pm Review and approval of the March and July 2022 PTAC minutes/record **(attached)**
- The March Minutes were approved w/out comment or discussion
- 1:10pm Operations Update (including Recovery and Job Access program, new scheduling and dispatch software).
- Please see the ridership chart created by Dan C. Consistent w/ nation ridership
 - Covid costs are coming down. July is an accurate assessment.
 - Tim B - allocation rates sent to FTA for approval
 - 1st phase complete. VIA is working Microtransit feasibility study toward phase 2
 - Randy (SEVT) sent out survey this morning
 - Software RFP is put out for final award.
 - Statewide volunteer network is still a challenge
 - VTrans working on platform
 - VTrans and AHS working together for RJA funding Working w/ transit providers to increase awareness and education.
 - HBSS (scheduling software) final negotiations. Selected 2 final candidates- interviews and site visit now final contract. Enhanced features for reporting and tech support
- 1:25pm FY'23 Legislative Study and Intercity Assessment - Potential Impacts to Service
- One legislative study – report on PT ridership toward zero fare in 2024
 - What do we need to maintain?
 - Report out in Nov early Dec.
 - Want to align with providers

- Wrapping up intercity study w/ Steadman Hill draft submitted 9/9/22
- Colchester to Albany is running twice a day even w/ Amtrak we will keep an eye on ridership
- 80% of VT residence located w/in 20 miles of intercity route except NE Kingdom. (Biggest challenge)
- Rep Molly Burke thought microtransit for NEK is a good idea

1:40pm FY'23 Program Grant Awards

- FTA competitive grant award received 9 Low and no vehicles. \$10,708,053 total funding
- GMT and MVRTD jointly procure
- Bus and bus facility \$3,279,616 MVRTD pole barn and office

1:50pm Community Driver Program

- Lack of volunteer drivers/ Covid scared volunteer drivers
- Asked Place Creative to come up with new approach
- Will allow more people to help and become a community driver. Will be directed to contact local provider for options
- Going out to PTAC members 9/16/22
- Will be a reimbursement rate or small compensation (coming soon)
- Elaine H -thinks this is a fabulous idea/ what can we do w/ recruitment...
- Adams – thank you for thinking of radio; so effective! Can target broad area.
- Lucas H – Do you have timeline for roll out? Social service clubs? Measures for success? Metrics?
- Jim – Sooner the better to get answers from Place Collective
- Ross – timeline and answers to come next week after meeting with Place Creative

2:05pm Administrative Efficiency Project (GMT and VTrans)

- Dan – GMT approached Steadman Hill to help with efficiencies. Eval of processes and grant admin. How can we better track grants. Great to have web forms and shared documents.
- Transit providers may ask to do some piloting
- GMT – We do need help with grant technology and daily operations “we can do more with less”
- Ross - We will provide update in 6 months

2:20pm FY '24 Draft Budget Review

- Covid relief funds are just about depleted. Rest used toward software
- Revert back to OPS funds which are up
- CMAQ and funds will stay will use Formula funds requiring 50% match
- Trying to get back to pre-Covid costs
- Capital projects are costing more. We will need to get more out of what we have already
- LoNo bus/ facilities may include VW funds to cover nonfederal match.
- Aaron B – You did great Ross with your summary

2:30pm Member Updates

- No member updates
- Chip VT Translines – Coach’s 2013 model range to get replacement for VT to Albany; Thank you!
- Caleb new Exec Dir for RCT... Hello and Thank you. Happy to serve!
- Welcome aboard Adams for Advance Transit.

2:45pm

Adjourn